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US NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION PACT

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1. SUMMARY: DURING THE THREE-DAY (MARCH 28-31) MEETING  
IN TAORMINA, SICILY, OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN  
DELEGATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP) AND THE US  
CONGRESS, THE EC MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE VERY CRITICAL  
OF THE US NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978 (NNA),  
SAYING THAT THE ACT IS VAGUE AND SUBJECT TO VARYING INTER-  
PRETATIONS. DESPITE EFFORTS TO REASSURE THEIR EUROPEAN  
COUNTERPARTS, THE US DELEGATION, LED BY CONGRESSMAN  
LEO RYAN OF CALIFORNIA, DID NOT APPEAR TO ALLAY EUROPEAN  
FEARS THAT THE NNA IS DESIGNED TO UNDERMINE EC NUCLEAR  
POLICY. DURING THE SESSION, HAASE (FRG SOCIALIST) RE-  
ITERATED AN INVITATION TO THE US CONGRESS TO VISIT  
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EURATOM (REFTEL). END SUMMARY

2. IN A HARD-HITTING AND FRANK DISCUSSION OF ENERGY  
QUESTIONS DURING THE 13TH MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE US CONGRESS AND EP, THE US DELEGATION WAS PUT UNDER  
HEAVY PRESSURE TO EXPLAIN THE US' NEW NUCLEAR POLICY, WHICH  
THE EUROPEAN SIDE SAID HAS BECOME CONFUSED BY THE PASSAGE

OF THE NNA. THE EUROPEANS, EXPRESSING "SHOCK" AT THE PASSAGE OF THE ACT AND CONCERN AT THE VAGUENESS OF ITS PROVISIONS, CHARGED THE ACT IS DESIGNED TO BLOCK THE COMMUNITY'S OWN NUCLEAR PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCE AND TO KEEP THE REST OF THE WORLD FROM JOINING THE "NUCLEAR CLUB." SEVERAL EP DELEGATES ARGUED THAT THE NNA MAY FORCE INDIVIDUAL EC MEMBERS TO GO IT ALONE IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD AND WARNED THAT THE STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE US WERE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THE NPT. THE US DELEGATION WAS ASKED WHETHER THE CONGRESS HAD EXAMINED THE BROADER IMPLICATIONS OF THE NNA FOR OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SIGNATORIES OF THE NPT.

3. IN AN EFFORT TO REASSURE THE EP DELEGATES, CONGRESSMEN FLOYD FITHIAN AND JAMES MARTIN AGREED WITH THE NEED FOR NUCLEAR POWER AS A SOURCE OF ENERGY BUT SUGGESTED THAT THE RISKS MUST BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED. CONGRESSMAN FITHIAN SAID THAT THE MAIN POINT OF THE NNA IS TO REAFFIRM US POLICY ON THE SUPPLY OF URANIUM TO OTHER COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT MANY SECTIONS OF THE NNA EXEMPT EC COUNTRIES, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE BILL IS AN ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THE EXTENT OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING IN THOSE COUNTRIES NOT POSSESSING A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY. HE ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE NNA PROVIDES FOR A TWO-YEAR TIME-FRAME FOR RENEGOTIATION WHICH WILL ENABLE FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE ACT. CONGRESSMAN LEO RYAN ARGUED THAT THE COSTS OF DEVELOPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAFE NUCLEAR POWER ARE GREAT AND ADVISED THE EP DELEGATION THAT EUROPE SHOULD "WALK, NOT RUN" INTO THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

4. THE EP DELEGATION APPEARED, UNCONVINCED BY THE ARGUMENTS PRESENTED BY THE US SIDE AND NOTED THAT THE CONGRESSMEN HAD NOT ANSWERED THEIR SPECIFIC CONCERNS. DISCUSSION ON THE NNA CONCLUDED WITH THE EP SIDE URGING THAT THE US ADOPT A BETTER DEFINED NUCLEAR POLICY WHICH WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO VARYING LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS. MORRIS

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